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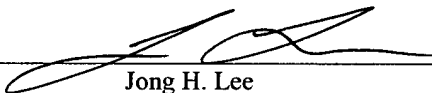
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This paper addresses the final Office Action of September 19, 2006, in connection with the above-captioned application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are not presented in this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.